

Dear SIR,

Your article "U.S. sanctions against Eritrea are overdue, but incomplete", incorrectly places too much emphasis on one side.

Ethiopia has shown it will not tolerate human rights abuses. Our Attorney General has prosecuted soldiers who have failed in their duty to act within the law. It was also the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission which requested a joint investigation with the UN. We will establish the facts and take any action they necessitate.

However, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) has made no such moves. It is an insurgency that continues to use child soldiers, massacred villagers in Amhara & Afar regions, despite the Ethiopian Government's offer of a ceasefire, unilaterally continued the conflict.

The TPLF has even spread their war threatening more lives as well as the ancient and holy site of Lalibela. Such actions are regrettable but unsurprising from an organization that fostered ethnic divisions and violence to keep power.

It is right that the world continues to focus on Ethiopia. I am the first to support efforts to tackle human rights abuses, provide humanitarian support and want nothing more than this conflict to come to an end. This can only be achieved if the TPLF forces that began the conflict by attacking Ethiopia's military base in Tigray Region, and then continued the atrocities are held to account.

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